

# 2013 Needs Assessment for Greene County

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## Accomplishments

Organized PTA's at all public schools in the county  
Organized a PTA Council in the county  
Organized a Back-To-School Rally in conjunction with the Greene County Board of Education and Community Service Programs of West Alabama  
Ran Summer Enrichment Program that offered classes in karate, dance and gymnastics  
Sponsored 'Spring Into Reading Program' for schools in the district, where free books were distributed to all who attended  
Sponsored 'Treats To Read Program' at schools in the district, where free book were distributed to all who attended  
Held an Annual Black History Program recognizing Greene County Trailblazers  
Assisted the Greene County School System in planning the 2nd Annual Countywide Teen Summit  
Sponsored a tea targeting girls 10 - 15 years of age. The tea focused on puberty and issues young teenagers face  
Ran an effective After-School Tutorial Program where students were taken on many cultural trips to include: Williamsburg, VA, Ringling Brothers Circus, Drumline Live Play, Tuskegee, Alabama, Christmas Lights Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Alabama  
Held two (2) seminars to train volunteers for the Greene County School System  
Organized and Sponsor a girls mentoring organization. This mentoring organization focus on teaching girls important principles they need to know in order to conquer issues affecting them during puberty.  
Held a "Soup and Conversation" get together between members of the Greene County Commission,

Mayors, Board of Education Members and other agencies to discuss the recreational needs of the children in the county.

Held "Parent Going Back To School Workshop" aimed at increasing parental involvement in the Greene County School District.

Collaborated with Park and Recreation to organize softball teams, family night and healthy eating workshops in all communities in the county.

Developed and distributed surveys to Greene County citizens to determine what type of wholesome family activities they would like to see in the county.

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## First Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Decrease Number of Children Living In Poverty

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Cooperative Extension Service</li><li>- GED program in the county</li><li>- Active tutorial programs in the County</li><li>- Health Awareness through health and wellness programs</li><li>- Parenting programs through DHR</li><li>- Family Resource Center</li><li>- Leadership Greene County</li><li>- Greene County Health Department</li><li>- Greene County School System</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Funds to implement outreach parenting programs</li><li>Workforce development program</li><li>Additional GED sites in the county</li><li>Satellite unemployment office within the county</li><li>Career/Technical academic classes</li></ul>

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Have each agency represented on the policy council to formulate and submit an action plan to the policy council  
on how they plan to contribute in making the Greene County community safe, engaged, and supportive.
2. Work with DHR and Cooperative Extension Service on healthy family summit.
3. Partner with Shelton State Workforce Development to provide career training and coaching for those individuals  
who are over or under employed.
4. Send health pamphlet home with every child in the Greene County School District
5. Organize Career Fair / Employment Fair for the County

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## Second Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Little emphasis given to wholesome recreational activities for local youth. Greene County children need recreational programs and summer enrichment programs.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- One housing authority within the county has ongoing sports program</li><li>- Several municipalities within the county have organized basketball and softball activities</li><li>- A few municipalities within the county have a park for family activities</li><li>- County has strategic plan</li><li>- Family Resource Center</li><li>- Greene County School System</li><li>- Cooperative Extension Service</li><li>- Greene County Library</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Funds to expand county-wide PARA program</li><li>Funds to build swimming pool</li><li>Funds to implement items regarding recreation in strategic plan</li><li>More adult mentors</li><li>Funds to offer more services at the Community Resource Center</li></ul>

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Continue to work with mayors to make parks in their districts operable and safe for families.
2. Continue to bridge communication gap between Greene County Commission, Mayors, Board of Education Members, and other agencies by organizing and sponsoring a 'get together' to discuss the recreational needs of the children in the county through organized planning.
3. Continue to work with the Greene County Park and Recreation to establish more wholesome organized activities for the children of Greene County.

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## Third Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Effective collaborative planning between the parents, schools and community to ensure that all children are successful in school.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Active PTA and PTA council</li><li>- Working relationship with all agencies in the county</li><li>- School system has an active Parent Involvement Coordinator</li><li>- Greene County Head Start Program</li><li>- Greene County Library</li><li>- Greene County Family Resource Center</li><li>- Greene County School System's Key Communicator's Program</li><li>- Greene County CPC After-School Tutorial Program</li></ul>	<p>Active advisory committees throughout county</p> <p>Funds to host parental involvement/school personnel programs</p>

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Continue to establish and organize volunteer programs in the school district
2. Continue to coordinate the annual Back-To-School / Parent Orientation Rally
3. Hold a minimum of two reading programs per year at all schools in Greene County